



## Minutes of DVCTA Board of Directors Meeting

January 9, 2024

Zoom

Alix James, Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order on Zoom at 7:05 by President Darcy Miller.

### **Attendance at Meeting:**

Alix James - O  
Becky Lynch - D  
Darcy Miller - O  
Karen Rubin - D  
Kelly Barry - D  
Linda Drejza - D  
Lisa Leana - O  
Meg Gioffre - D

Megan Huf - D  
Mike Broomall - O  
Sharon Sexton - D  
Justine Watson - D  
Penny Knotts - D  
Stephanie Geiter - Member

A quorum of 3 officers and 50% of the directors (6+) being present, the Board was authorized to conduct business.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Treasurer (Lisa Leana):** Santander Checking Balance: \$92,203.82, PayPal Balance: \$3,455.77, Total: \$95,659.51

**Recognized show, Summer Opener (Megan Mendenhall, Carol Lippa):** Confirmed June 1, 2024. Have a TD - Jennifer Koch and a judge - Kem Barbosa. License has been received.

**Membership (Sharon Sexton):** 60 have joined for 2024 including 1 junior. Jeanne to send out a reminder.

**Quadrille (Anne Miller):** Not sure about 2024.

**Harvest Fest (Eliza Herman, Penny Knotts):** Will restart planning next year.

**Eventing (Eliza Herman, Karen Rubin):** No report.

**Year End Awards (Justine Watson, Meg Gioffre, Joanne Mohr):** Ribbons picked - a bit fancier than last year. Also 20 oz. cups printed with DVCTA. Everything moving forward. Okay with an hour to set up before banquet.

**Sanctioned Schooling Shows (Lisa Leana, Alix James):** Everyone from last year signed up. All have acknowledged and agreed to use listed judges.

**Volunteers (Meg Gioffre):** Form for hours submission is online and working.

**Scholarships (Anecia Delduco, Karen Walsh, Anne Miller):** Scholarship report submitted by Joan Chain. There is still scholarship money available.

**Adult Teams (Becky Lynch, Karen Walsh, Anne Miller, Linda Drejza):** Will resume in 2024 but not started yet.

**Education (Karen Rubin, Ange Bean, Kristina Jerrell, Megan Huf):** Need ideas for meeting speakers for 2024. April 6th hosting "United Liberty" Mounted archery - 3+ hours on the ground. 6 to 8 participants to hold it. \$115/person. Megan donating use of her farm. Winter games for DVCTA members. Megan has set up clinic for 4/6 more details and pricing to come. Spoke with Danni after the meeting ( she is recovering from shoulder surgery, has a long road ahead to recovery.

We should send her flowers ) Jennifer Hoffman does not teach people to long line. She only works with horses brought to her. Jennifer is also booked pretty far out and takes the month of February off from work.

Also spoke of Ashley Norris ( Jane Sleeper Young Event Horse and Sunbriar Equestrian trainer) She will do a grid / cavaletti clinic. Waiting on date from her. Darcy noted that during the USDF Judges Round Table call one of the conversations was around competitor understanding of judges' roles. Gary Rockwell said all GMO's should have a Fireside chat for their members with a high level Judge. So I contacted Gary to see if he would be interested in doing a chat for us late February early March.

**L program:** Dunmovin's indoor. Doreen is working on hotels with conference rooms in the West Chester area. Angie is working on getting instructors. Dates - Nov. 2-3, 2024, Jan. 11-12 2025, Mar. 8-9, 2025. Application will go to USDF. Budget to TDF for support. Committee is Darcy Miller, Doreen Guthrie, Angie Bean, Carol Lippa. Auditors do A, B & C. Candidates do D sessions for testing. Can handle 30 max. Would aim for 20 participants and 10 auditors. Only 10 participants proceed to testing. D1 is practice, D2 is practice, D3 is final exam.

**Junior Teams (Megan Kuon):** No report.

**Pub at Dressage at Devon (Mike Broomall):** Doing it again in 2024. Will get started planning shortly.

**Annual Dinner (Lisa Leana):** Booked for Red Clay Room Feb. 10, 2024. Using the same music as last year - not available. Picking the menu. Room is slightly more expensive so ticket price will be a bit higher. Need to promote and sell tickets! Starts at 6:00 but can only get there one hour before. Photos for the Annual dinner - Mike made a google folder for us to submit items to.

**Annual Auction (Linda Drejza, Kelly Barry, Joanne Mohr, Rita Lowry):** Starting to get auction items. Need to do more promotion. Discussed posting items on Social media leading up to closing date of banquet tickets to increase interest. Gave Linda D Kristina J's phone number.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Distinguished Member Award:** Anne Moss requested an updated list. The list is up to 2009. After a brief discussion we decided to add the following and form a committee 2024.

2020 Lisa Knox

2021 Linda Swank - awarded Volunteer of Year by volunteer committee

2022 Anne Miller - for Quadrille

2023 Alice Morse - ( I will need a write up for the banquet in February)

**Insurance:** Discussed the renewal of our Liability and D&O. What is our premium and limits? Another club Mike and I are involved in has their insurance through PA Equine Council and it is \$84.00 / year! Worth check into at least.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

## **2024 Board Meeting Dates**

**All at Stroud Water Research Center at 7:30 except February. Most will be preceded by open member presentation.**

Jan. 9, 2024 - Zoom only

Feb. 10, 2024 - Annual Dinner and Meeting

Mar. 12, 2024

Apr. 9, 2024

May 14, 2024

Jun. 11, 2024

Jul. 9, 2024

Aug. 13, 2024

Sep. 10, 2024

Oct. 8, 2024

Nov. 12, 2024

Dec. 10, 2024